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## Local Navy officer joins Coast Guard

SAN DIEGO -- This morning Navy Lieutenant Commander Segundo Jorge Argudo became Coast Guard Lieutenant Segundo Jorge Argudo in a swearing in ceremony at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego.

Following the urging of a Navy friend who also joined the Coast Guard ("Jorge, you've got to do this!") he sought out our local recruiter. Argudo sees in the Coast Guard's many missions an opportunity to apply his multi discipline education and experience following 14 years with the Navy. He is also looking forward to the fellowship and camaraderie of our leaner sea-service.

Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego's Commanding Officer, Commander Mike Farley, presided over Argudo's interview board. The board was greatly impressed with Argudo's qualifications, experience and self-motivation. They agreed that "this guy has to be in the Coast Guard". In his evaluation Farley wrote: "If you only pick one candidate this year, this is the guy!"

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Argudo joined the Navy in 1986 serving almost 12 years active duty and over 2 years in the reserves. He served as Engineer on the fast frigate USS Voge and guided missile destroyer USS Luce; as Operations Officer for Squadron 2 of the Maritime Pre-positioning Ships out of Diego Garcia; as Safety and Environmental Officer for the Navy Special Warfare Center and most recently as Administration Recruiting Officer at Amphibious Group 3, Detachment 219. Argudo has two master's degrees; one in environmental engineering and the other in business administration with emphasis in environmental management.

Argudo joins the Coast Guard's National Strikeforce Coordination Center in Elizabeth City, N.C. The center standardizes pollution response and clean up procedures, provides training for the Coast Guard's Strike Teams, coordinates marine industry readiness exercises and much more.

Argudo's wife Claudine is the Assistant Principle of the Don Juan Avila and Ole Hanson elementary schools. She will join him later this summer.

The Coast Guard is always looking for good performers; especially people with the kind of experience Lieutenant Argudo brings. Like many other Coast Guard units, Marine Safety Office San Diego is challenged by personnel shortages. Getting more qualified people onboard remains a high priority for Commander Farley. He was honored to swear in our newest member of the team.

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